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For: CONNECTING MEMBER FOR CONNECTING CARRIER TAPES AND CARRIER  
TAPE CONNECTING METHOD USING THIS CONNECTING MEMBER

**REQUEST FOR CONSIDERATION AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF  
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Applicant hereby request that the Examiner acknowledge and initial the PTO/SB/08 which was filed in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office concurrently an the Information Disclosure Statement on December 29, 2003. Applicant encloses a copy of the December 29, 2003 filing for the Examiner's convenience.

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